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PATENT

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

APPLICANT : Creighton et al.  
SERIAL NO : 09/666,733  
FILED : September 20, 2000  
TITLE : Bi-Directional Cutting or Trimming Knife

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## AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated November 29, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

In the Claims

Please amend claims 1 and 13 as follows:

1. (Twice Amended)

Apparatus for cutting or trimming a stack of sheet members:

a cutting table;

an elongated knife having a cutting edge extending along an elongated cutting edge axis;

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